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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KENICHI MANABE, ET AL.) : Examiner: Brendan N. McCommas
Application No.: 10/663,833) : Group Art Unit: 2609
Filed: September 17, 2003) : Confirmation No. 2698
For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS)
AND IMAGE FORMING)
APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH)
THE SAME) : December 10, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document JP 2002-220122 the Examiner is respectfully referred to the respective English abstract attached thereto.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Authority is given to the Commissioner to charge for the necessary fees, or credit any overpayment, Deposit Account 50-3939.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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